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In re Application of BECKER, et al.

U.S. Application No.: 10/568,167

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For: CONJUGATED POLYMERS CONTAINING

DIHYDROPHENANTHRENE UNITS AND USE

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DECISION ON PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

This decision is in response to applicant's "Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 to Change The Inventor's Name" filed 16 March 2007 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

BACKGROUND

On 05 December 2006, applicant was mailed a "Notification of Acceptance" (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) indicating a date of **10 May 2006** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

On 16 March 2007, applicant filed the present petition including a explanation from counsel regarding the name of inventor Aurelie Ludemann (nee Falcou) and a separate declaration regarding the name change executed by inventor Aurelie Ludemann (nee Falcou).

DISCUSSION

The present petition is accompanied by a declaration setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected; namely by marriage. The declaration is executed by Mrs. Ludemann using her current married name and her maiden name. As such, it is appropriate to grant applicant's petition at this time. A corrected filing receipt listing the inventor as Aurelie Ludemann accompanies this decision.

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CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the inventor's name from Aurelie Falcou to Aurelie Ludemann is **GRANTED**.

Applicant has provided payment of the \$400.00 petition fee.

The application has an international filing date of 12 August 2004 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of 10 May 2006 under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

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Attachment: Corrected Filing Receipt



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Applicant(s)

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/EP04/09019 08/12/2004

Foreign Applications

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/568.167**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Conjugated polymers containing dihydrophenanthrene units and use thereof

Preliminary Class

510

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